

1        **Amendment to the Specification**

2        In the Specification:

3              Please amend the specification as follows:

4              On Page 1, the paragraph beginning at line 4 should be replaced with the following.

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6              This application is based on a prior copending provisional application, Serial No. 60/451,346,  
7              filed on February 27, 2003, the benefit of the filing date of which is hereby claimed under  
8              35 U.S.C. § 119(e). This application is also a continuation-in-part application of a copending patent  
9              application Serial No. 10/628,622, filed on July 23, 2003, which itself is a continuation-in-part application  
10             of a copending patent application Serial No. 09/976,257, filed on October 12, 2001, now U.S. Patent  
11             No. 6,608,682 (issued August 19, 2003), which is a continuation-in-part application of a copending patent  
12             application Serial No. 09/820,434, filed on March 29, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,473,176 (issued October  
13             29, 2002), which is a continuation-in-part application of patent application Serial No. 09/538,604, filed on  
14             March 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,211,955 (issued April 3, 2001), which itself is a continuation-in-part  
15             application of patent application Serial No. 09/490,478, filed on January 24, 2000, now U.S. Patent No.  
16             6,249,341 (issued June 19, 2001), which is based on a provisional application Serial No. 60/117,203, filed  
17             on January 25, 1999, the benefit of the filing dates of which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and  
18             35 U.S.C. § 119(e). Copending patent application Serial No. 09/967,257, noted above, is also based on  
19             provisional application Serial No. 60/240,125, filed on October 12, 2000, the benefit of the filing date of  
20             which is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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